

MONMOUTH COUNTY CELEBRATES SILVER ANNIVERSARY

League Formed in 1988



Front Row: Joe Hepworth, Butch Bennett, Charles Dember, Rich Kane, Emil Jenette.
Back Row: Tony Scourzo, Walt Freema, Bob Taylor, Russ Howell, Bob Wielenga, Ron Tomczyk, Joe Rosenberg & Roger Kane.
Not Pictured: Charles Kelly, Rich Shutzer & Otis Wathington.

Spring is in the air and that marks the start of another great season of Monmouth County Senior Softball. The league is proud to celebrate its 25th year and Silver Anniversary first being established in 1988 by founders Howie Marlin and the late Al Mills.

There is nothing better than the sight of a bat, ball, and glove to get the juices flowing for some fun and friendly competition.

This year Monmouth County will sport twelve teams all playing their best and giving it their all.

Additionally, the Sixty and "Better" division has evolved adding players and expanding to five teams. Dave "the Duke" Fenwick has spearheaded the effort to organize the teams.

In the Fifty plus group rounding out the "Terrific Twelve" teams are:

- Higgins - Freehold
- Boathouse - Wall Twp.
- Clayton Limo - Howell
- Blue Rock Cafe - Aberdeen
- Builders General - Little Silver
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- Lee's Garage - Monmouth Beach
- Ocean - Ocean
- Rebels - Oakhurst
- Chubby Pickle - Highland
- Poss Construction - Neptune
- Tuscany - Marlboro

Especially noteworthy is team Higgins captained by Emil Jenette. Higgins has quite an illustrious and impressive history as follows:

- First season 1991 founder and first manager Bob Wielanga.
- Winners of first state tournament 1992 held in Bridgewater, NJ.
- Original sponsor Oh Brothers restaurant in Freehold.
- Higgins Funeral Home sponsor the last 19 years.
- Team has had just three managers.
- Emil Jenette will be starting his 19th year as player/manager.
- From 1991 up to 2012 team record is 484 wins and 122 loses in 606 game which include league Playoff and state tournament games.
- Team has won 15 league championships and 12 playoff championships. Six state tournaments in 1992, 1994, 1996 & 2002, 2003, 2004.

The Monmouth County Senior Softball league will ideally be around for generations to come standing always by its creed:

"You don't quit playing because you get old, you get old, because you quit playing!"

Or as I always like to say: "We all have to age but never get old." Now let's get on the field & play Ball!

By: Neil Piper

HIGGINS 2012 MONMOUTH COUNTY A Division League and Playoff Champions



Standing L to R: Jay Fox, Tom Wasko, Roman Bvszczak, John Gerenza, Glen Guy, Keith Lewis, Jeff Raymond, Tom Brenton, Bob Duncan, Gary Higley, Mike Domanski, Dave Warner & Mike DiBenedetto.
Kneeling L to R: Dennis Boutote, Emil Jenette, George Scott, Jim Alesclo & Bob Palle.

Final game of 2012 A Division playoffs.

Higgins down 7-1 after 3 innings, comes back to win the championship 10-8 to beat 507/Boathouse.



First NJSSA State Championship Trophy won by Oh Brothers (now Higgins), Freehold

Safe at Home

This Past Year Senior Softball lost the following members.

- Chet Kinal • John Vitello
- Mike Kane • Jack Kelly
- Brian Leslie • Joe Iorio
- Tony Padovano • Mike Vaganek

In Memoriam

The following is a list of members of the New Jersey Senior Softball Association that have passed away.

Joe Adelhardt	John McCabe
Jim Airey	Tom Madine
Ace Ancett	Al Manning
Nick Angelillo	Ed Manthey
Frank Arbolino	Frank Martinelli
Nick Atria	Dennis Miller
Jerry Baron	Al Mills
Larry Behr	Patrick Moran
Bill Blitz	Tony Muccia
Dick Borman	Ken Nixon
Tom Burke	John Offerman
Don Braun	Ken Olson
Dick Bromberg	Armando Passarelli
Chas A. Brown, Jr.	Bruce Pelletier
Bob Canales	Gerald Perpetua
Joe Capo	Al Perry
John McCarthy	Robert Postel
Al Carlson	Tom Price
Flip Chambliss	Jim Powell
Ed Chaven	Steve Regec
Dennis Chmiel	Larry Rehak
Joe Connelly	John "Duke" Rensing
Mike Champion	Joe Riggio
Dan Cox	Joel Rosenberg
Fred Daprile	Bob Rowland
Mike DeCeglia	Don Roth
John Denito	Tony Russo
Dom Deo	Frank Scaliti
Jerry McDermott	Sonny Senerchia
Eugene Doyle	Art Shaffner
Bob Durkin	Barbara Schmidt
Bill Errickson	Jim Schultz
Ray Fasteau	Don Slocum
Tom Fitzmaurice	Heshy Slotnick
Joe Gabel	Ed Stevens
Pete Gergulas	Frank Sweeney
Ed Ganczewski	Butch Taras
Harold Gelbhaus	Ernie Tasseff
Frank Giglinto	Don Trifari
Joe Hepworth	Anthony Valeriani
Jay Horacek	Clyde Vail Jr.
Russ Howell	Jim VanBrunt
Tony Hyman	John Verreb
Joe Kelly	Lou Vespasiano
Bob Krause	Joe Viola
Norm Lannone	Pee Wee Vogel
Tom Lapczynski	John Williams
Jerry Lestardo	Lenny Yenish
John McCarthy	Lenny Youngron